

House Resolution No. 870

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are fully cognizant that the drug problem in Missouri has deeply impacted the lives of numerous individuals and their families; and

Whereas, this legislative body pauses to recognize an outstanding group of Missourians who have been diligent in their efforts to control and prevent the trafficking of drugs in the Show-Me State as members of the Missouri State Highway Patrol; and

Whereas, on February 8, 2004, Commercial Vehicle Officer Ron Abmeyer, Trooper Jason Crites, and Sergeant Rick Sanders were involved in what began as a routine inspection at a Southeast Missouri weigh station and ended with the seizure of nearly a ton of marijuana with a street value of \$2.7 million; and

Whereas, CVO Abmeyer called Trooper Crites and Sergeant Sanders after he became suspicious of the driver of the commercial vehicle, who was later charged with drug trafficking and possession of a controlled substance; and

Whereas, during a search of the commercial vehicle, police dog Ado sniffed out approximately 1,800 pounds of drugs found in bins of watermelons that were covered in transmission fluid and hidden inside the tractor-trailer; and

Whereas, other Missouri Highway Patrolmen involved in recent drug cases include CVO Randy Cobb and Sergeant Reggie Walker, who helped seize 103 pounds of marijuana on February 14, 2004, and CVO Larry Masterson and Sergeant Reggie Walker, who helped seize 640 pounds of marijuana on February 15, 2004:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty and robust congratulations to those individuals dedicated to eliminating drugs and drug abuse in the State of Missouri; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Ron Abmeyer, Jason Crites, Randy Cobb, Reggie Walker, Larry Masterson, and Rick Sanders.

Offered by _____
Representative Otto Bean, Jr.
District No. 163

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 870, adopted March 2, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker